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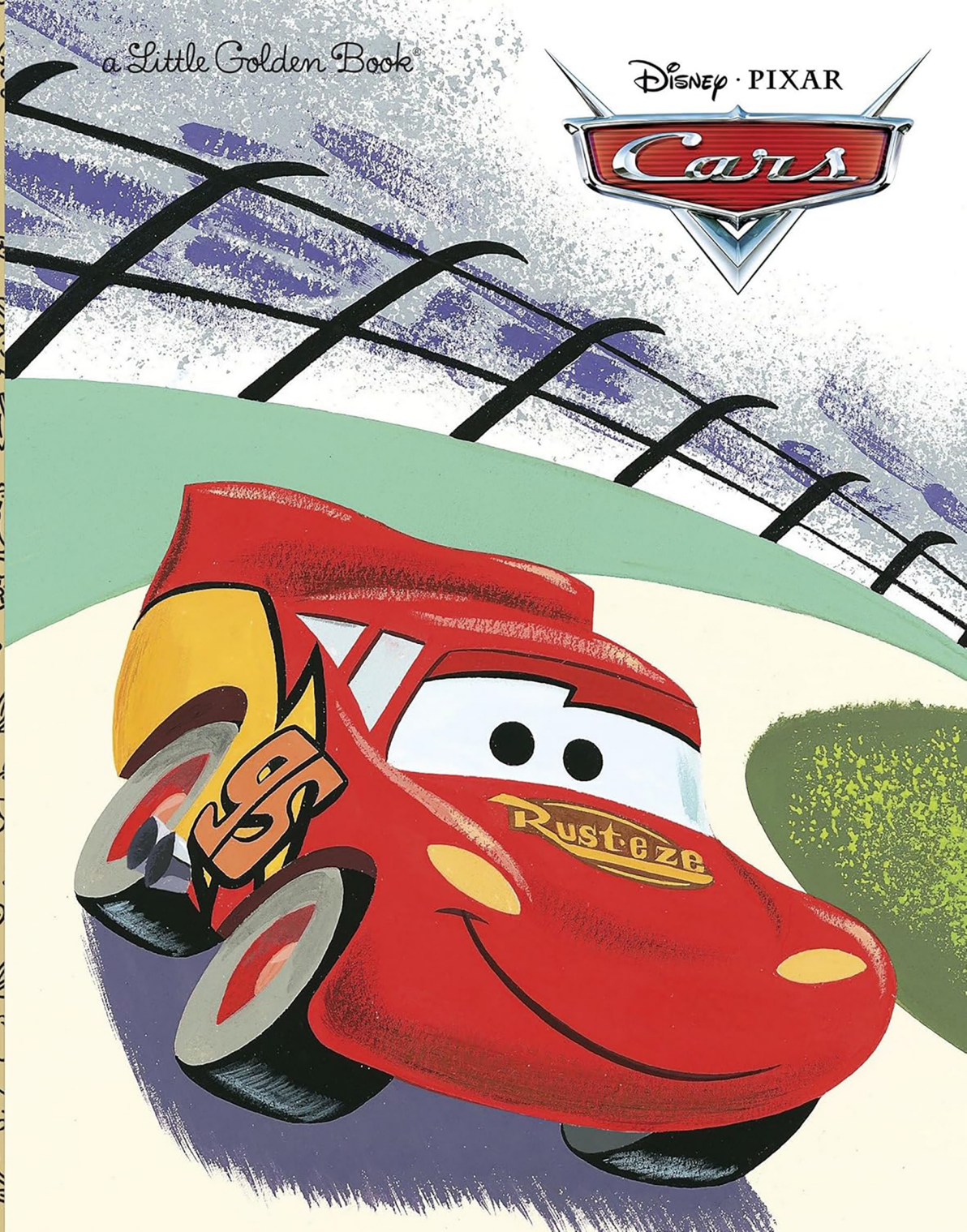

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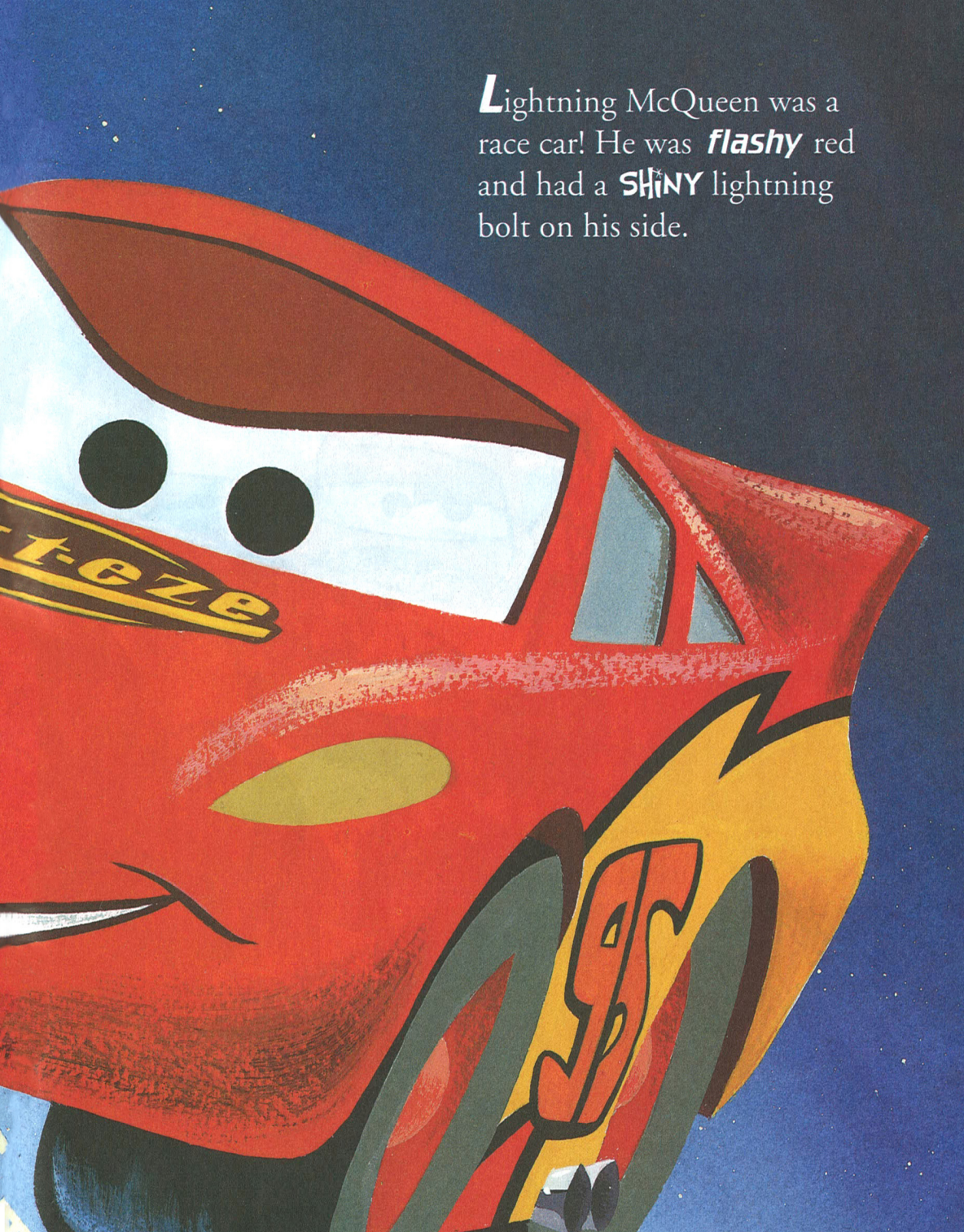
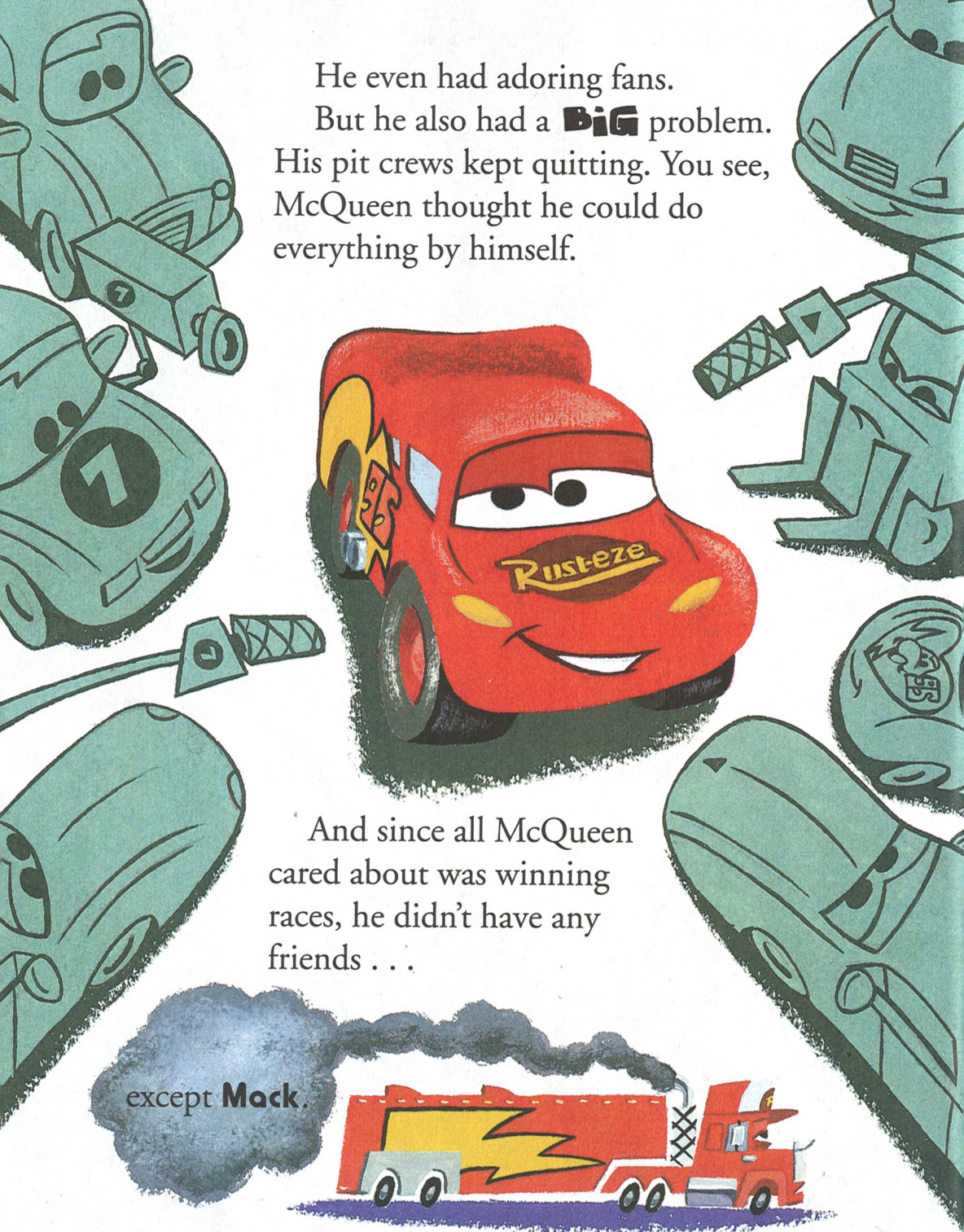


Lightning McQueen was a race car! He was *flashy* red and had a SHINY lightning bolt on his side.

He even had adoring fans.

But he also had a **BIG** problem. His pit crews kept quitting. You see, McQueen thought he could do everything by himself.



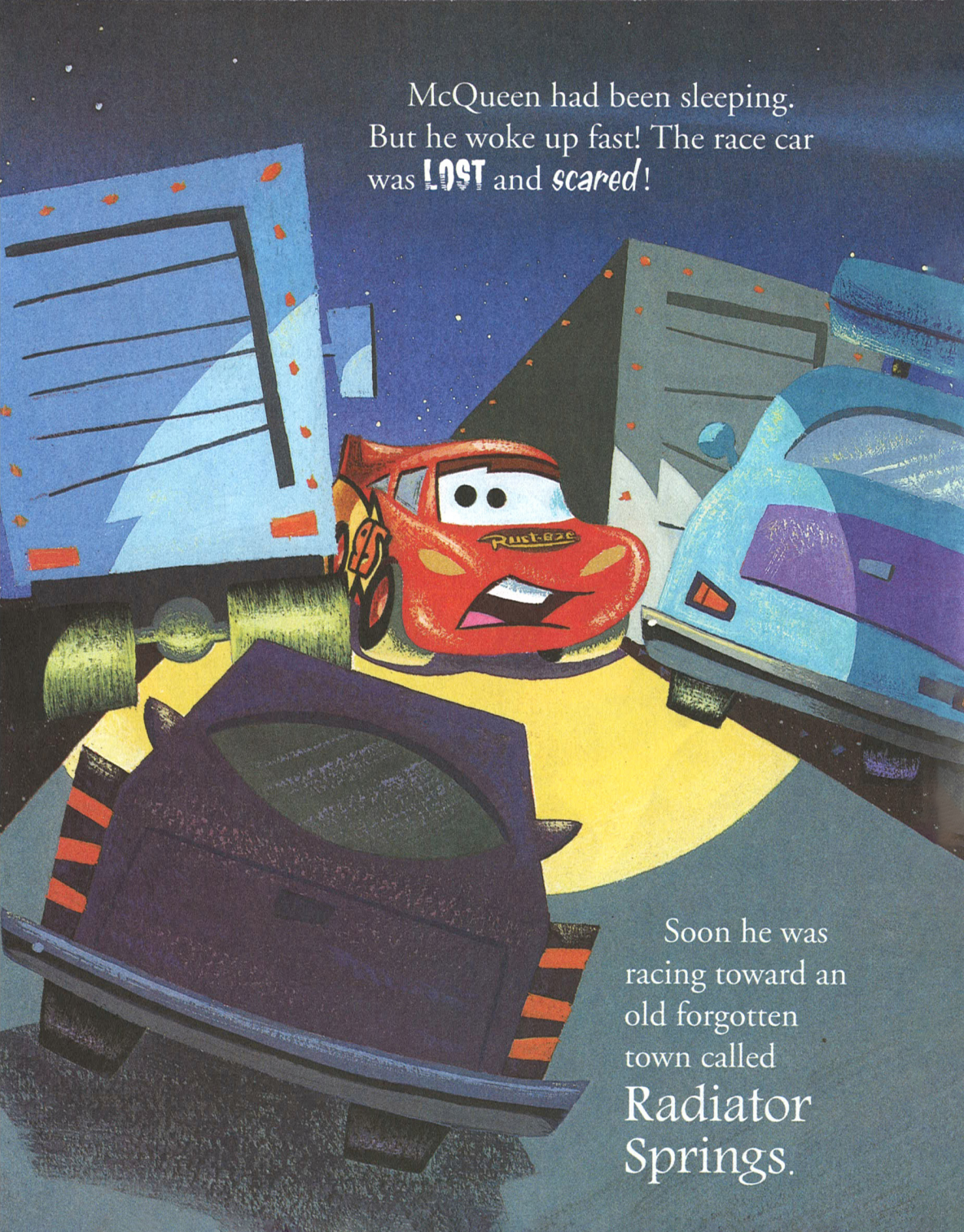
And since all McQueen cared about was winning races, he didn't have any friends . . .

except **Mack**.

Mack the truck drove McQueen to all his races.

One night, McQueen wanted to get to a **really BIG** race really fast. He made Mack drive too long, and the loyal truck got **tired**.

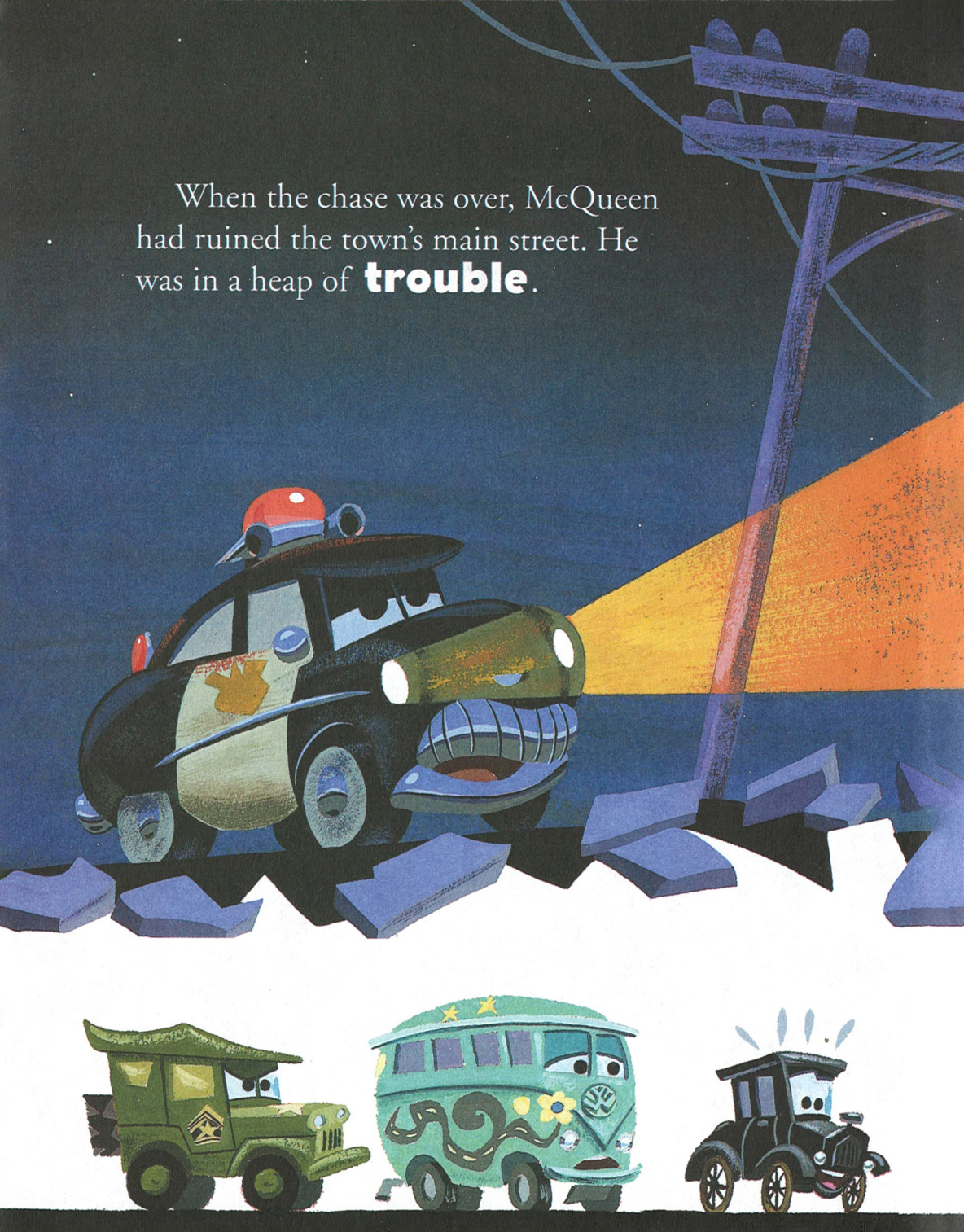
Mack swerved, and McQueen fell out the back of the truck! **Uh-oh!**

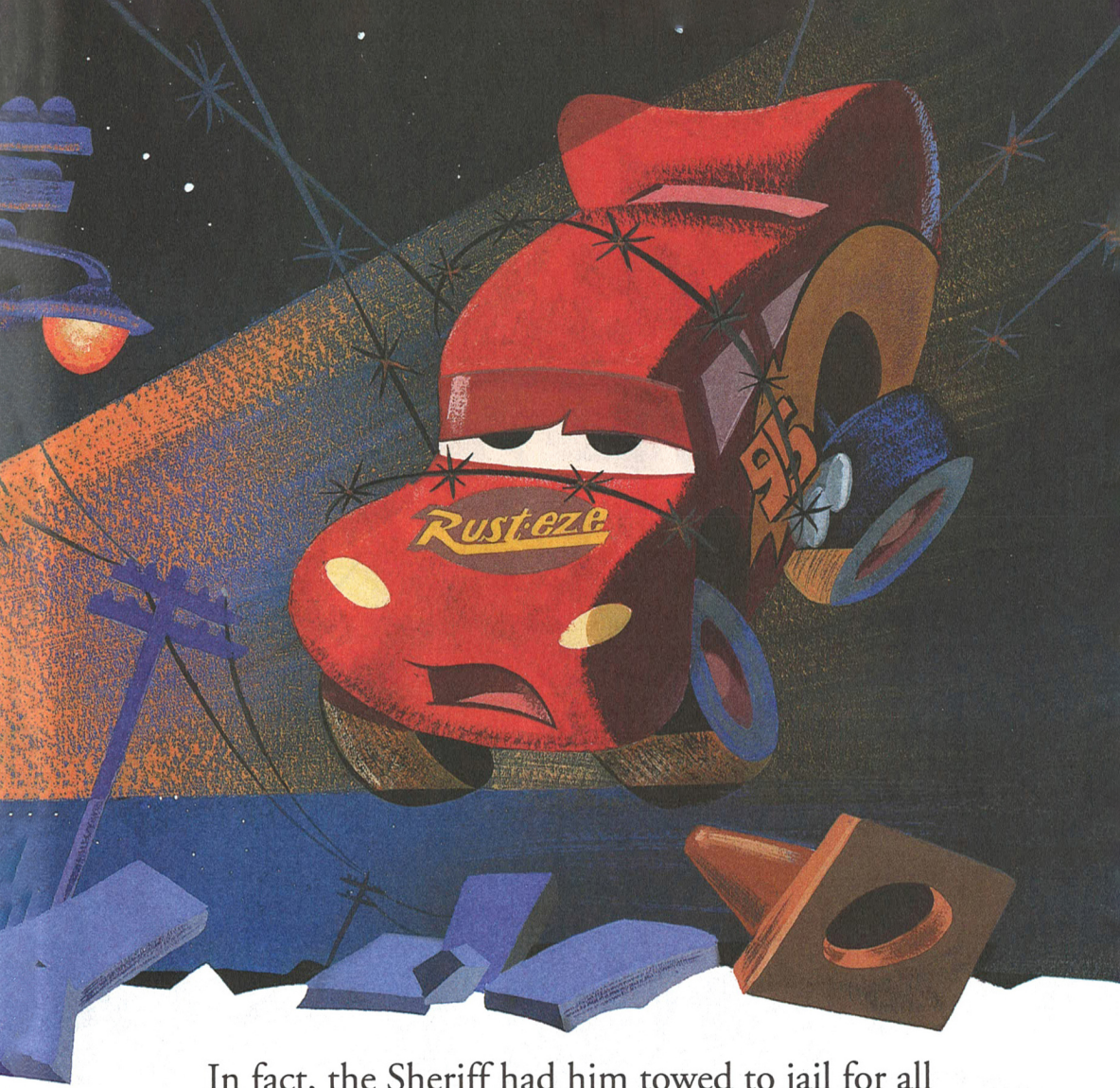

McQueen had been sleeping.
But he woke up fast! The race car
was LOST and scared!
Soon he was
racing toward an
old forgotten
town called
Radiator
Springs.

The Sheriff chased McQueen. McQueen was scared, so he drove ***faster***! He knocked into just about everything in the little town.

What a mess!

When the chase was over, McQueen had ruined the town's main street. He was in a heap of **trouble**.

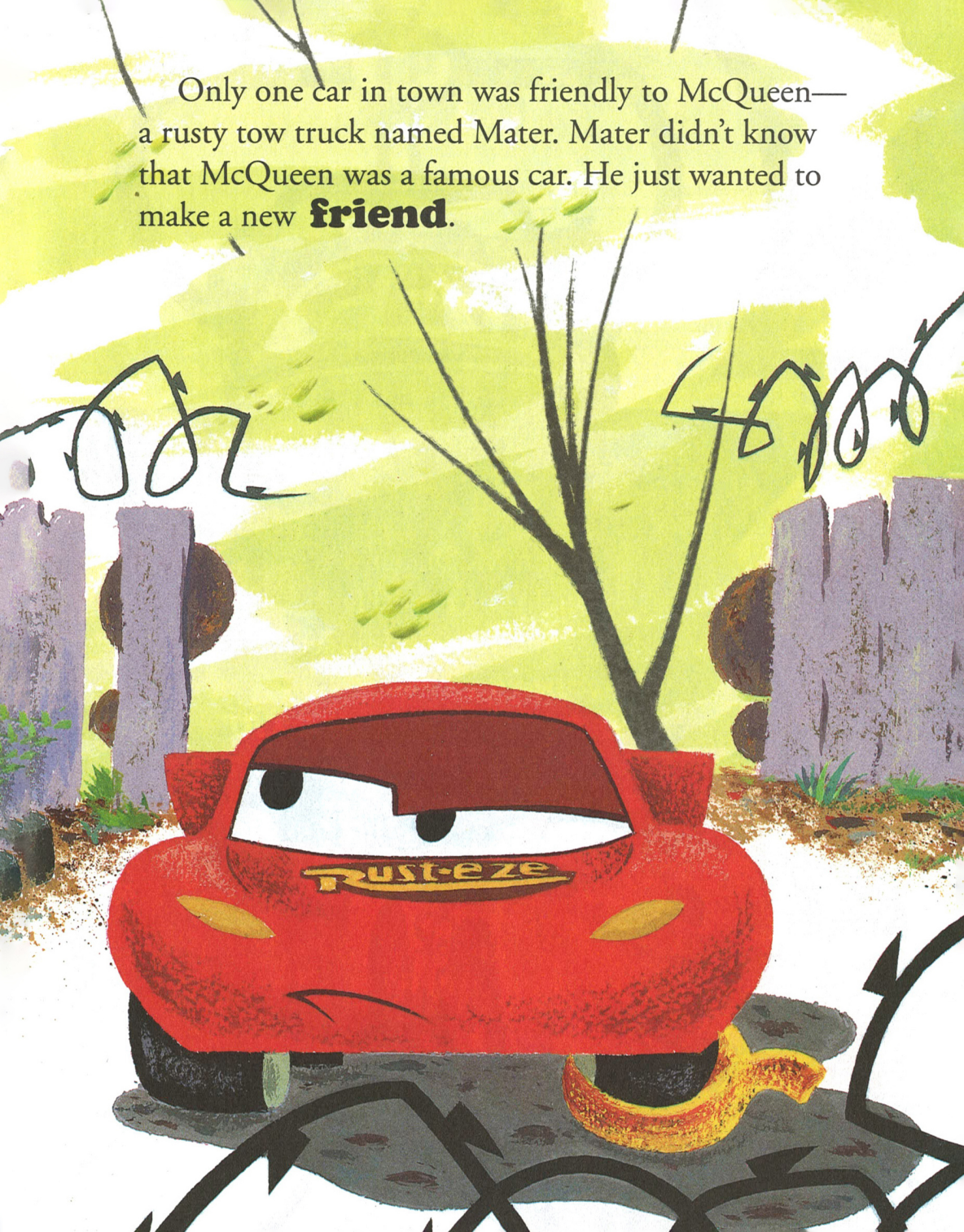


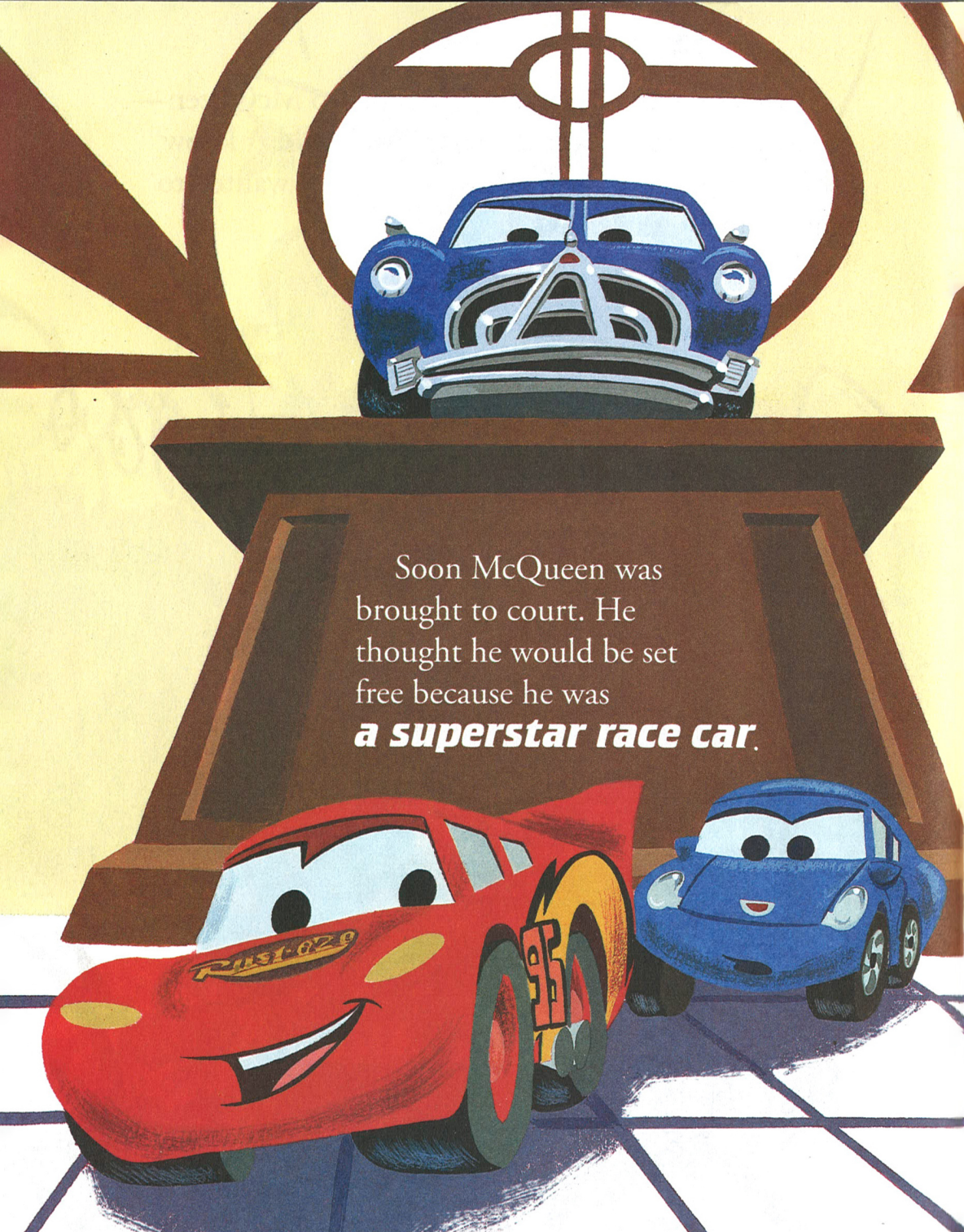


In fact, the Sheriff had him towed to jail for all the damage he had done.

TOW-IT
MATER

Only one car in town was friendly to McQueen—a rusty tow truck named Mater. Mater didn't know that McQueen was a famous car. He just wanted to make a new **friend**.





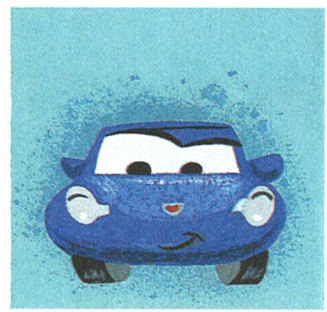
Soon McQueen was brought to court. He thought he would be set free because he was ***a superstar race car***.

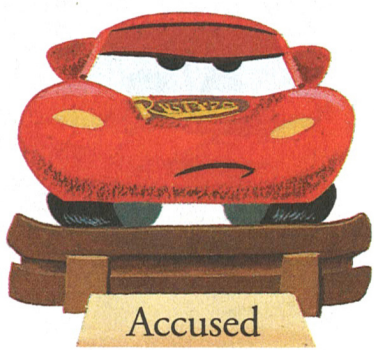
He was right—almost. Doc, the town's judge, told McQueen to leave town and never come back. He didn't like race cars.

Then Sally, a blue sports car, arrived. She was a lawyer. McQueen thought Sally was pretty.

But Sally just wanted McQueen to fix the mess he had made.

The townsfolk agreed. They loved their town. So Sally and Doc made a deal: McQueen could leave **AFTER** he fixed the road.





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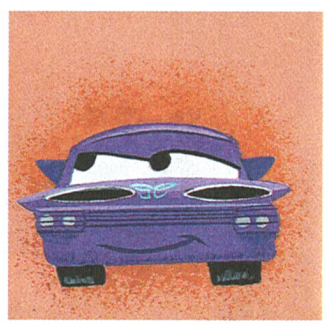
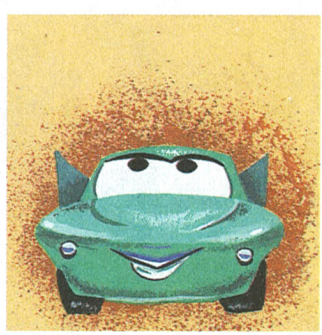
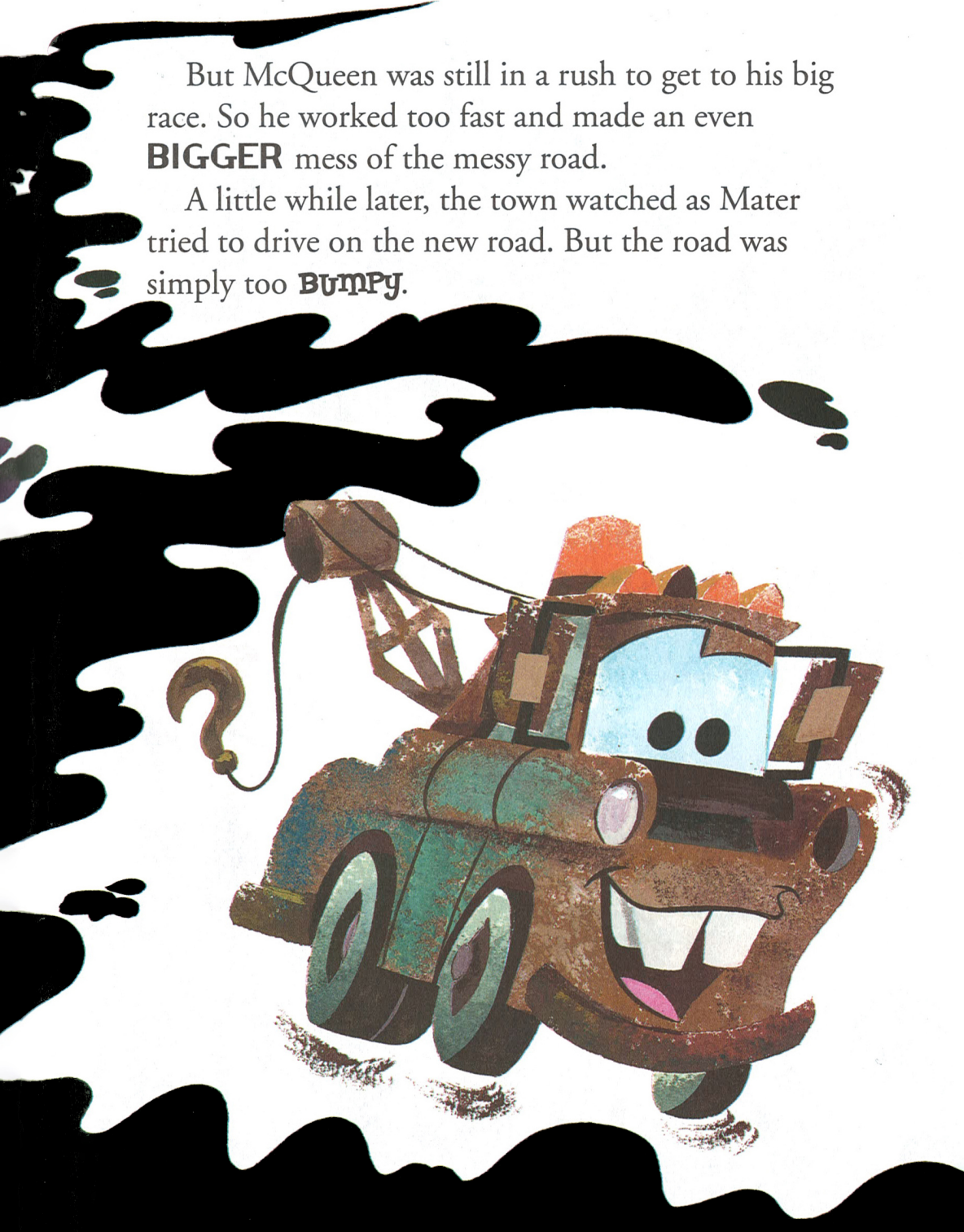
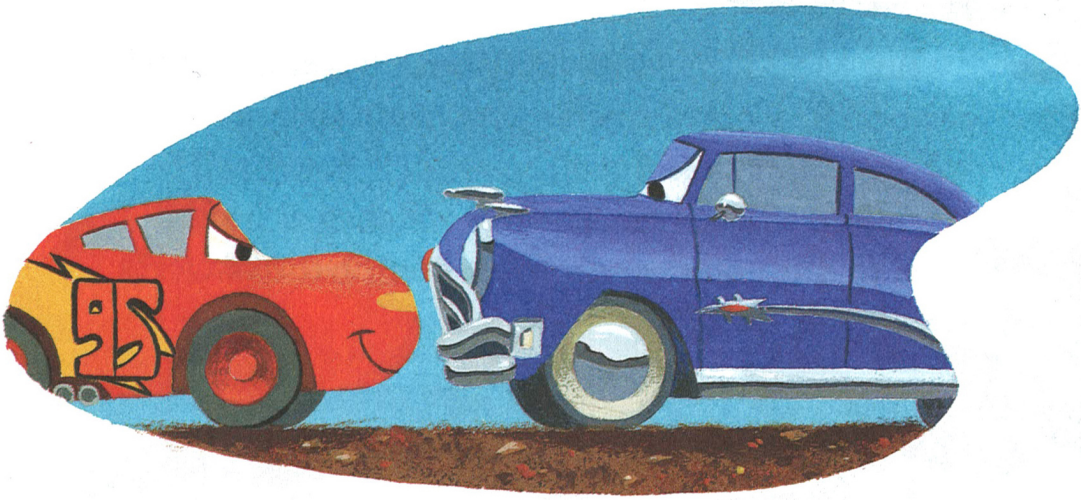




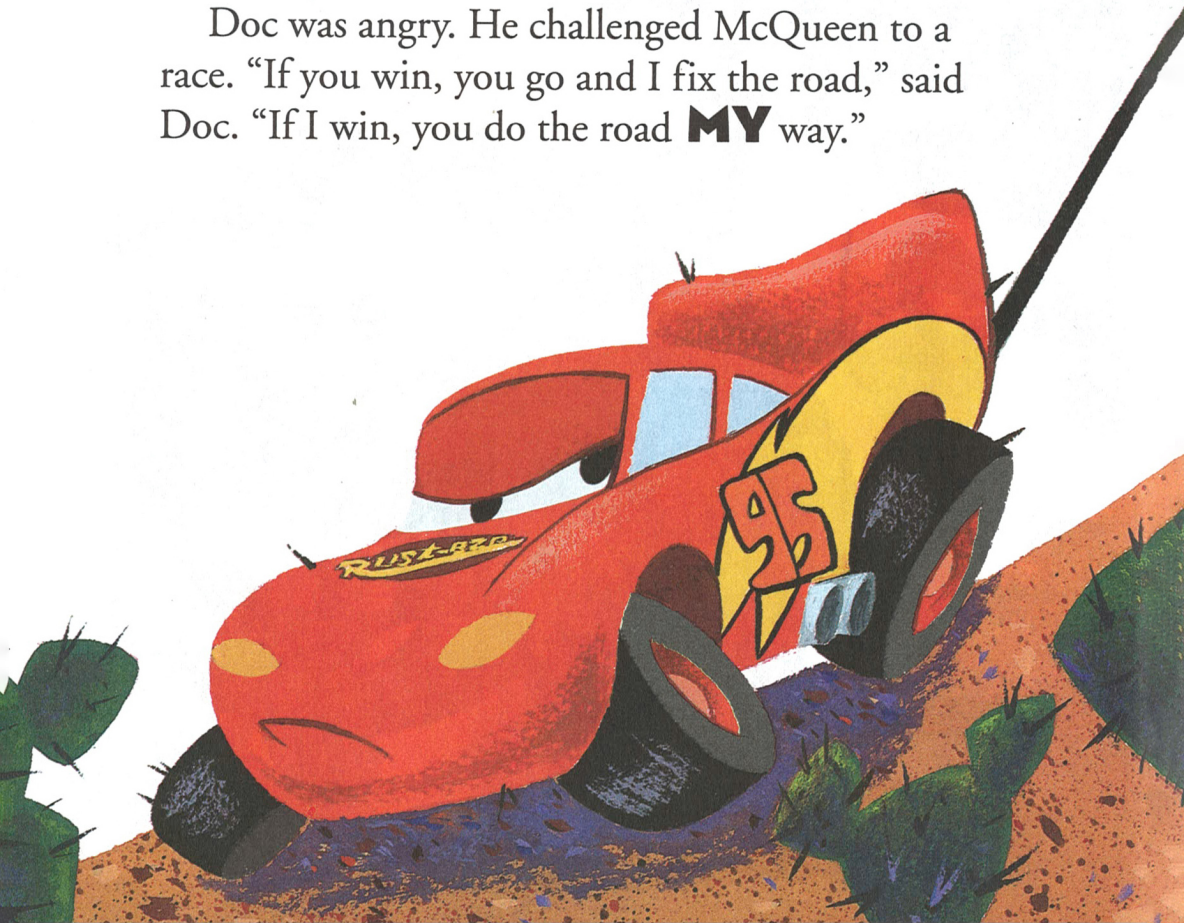
But McQueen was still in a rush to get to his big race. So he worked too fast and made an even **BIGGER** mess of the messy road.

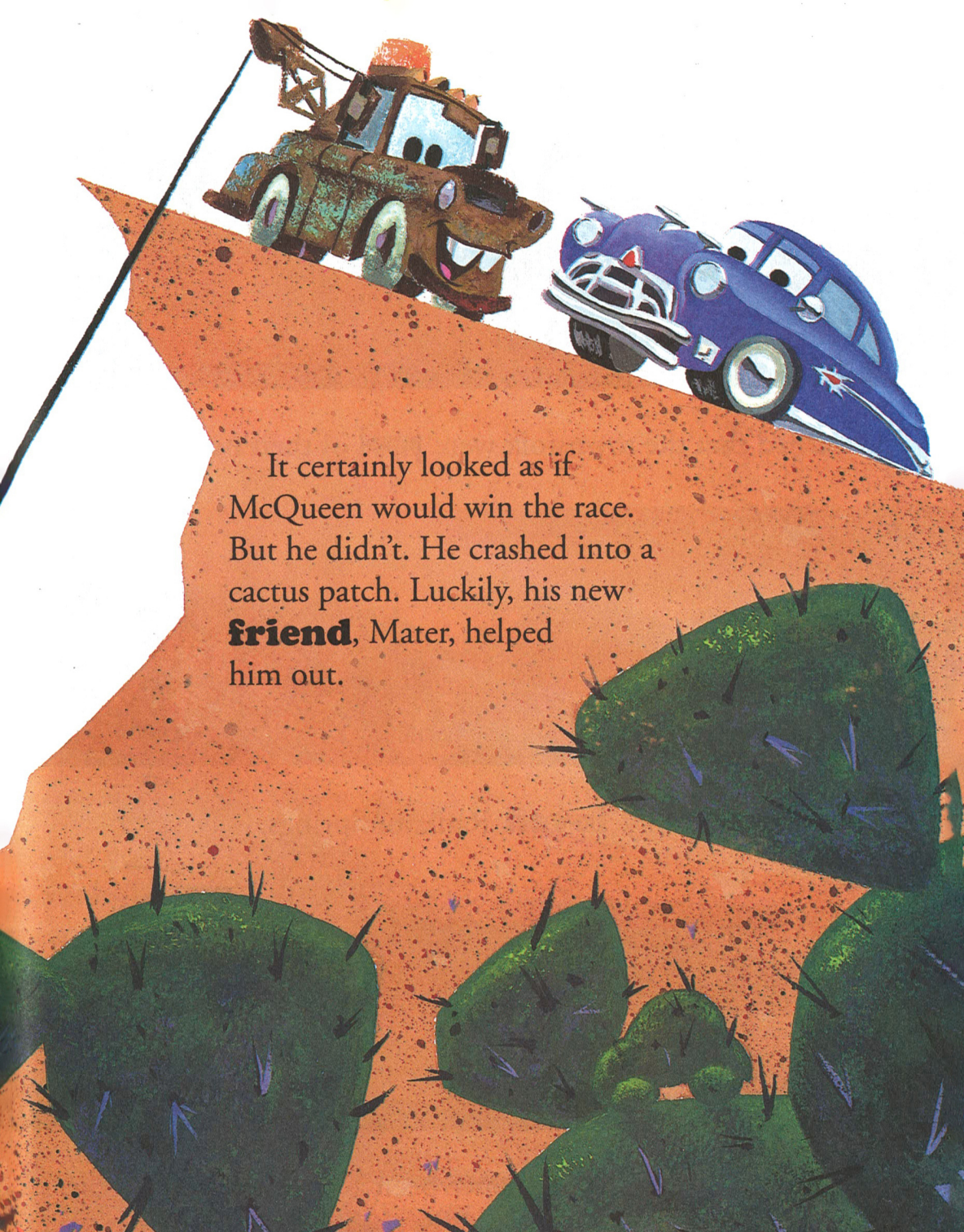
A little while later, the town watched as Mater tried to drive on the new road. But the road was simply too **Bumpy**.





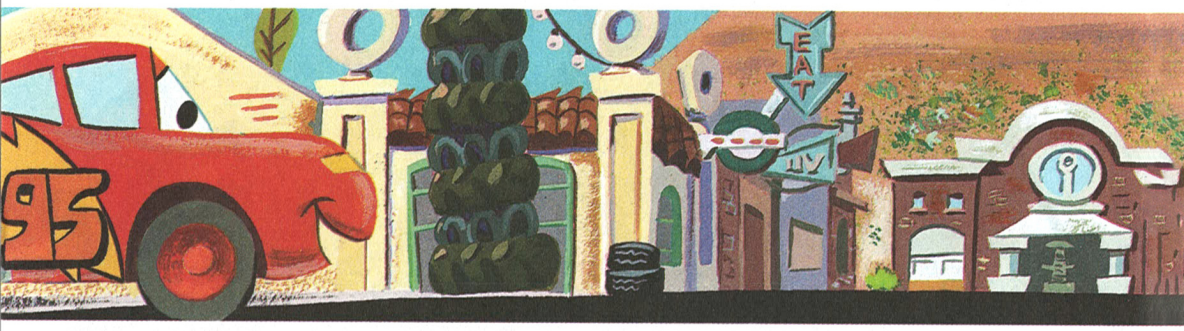
Doc was angry. He challenged McQueen to a race. "If you win, you go and I fix the road," said Doc. "If I win, you do the road **MY** way."





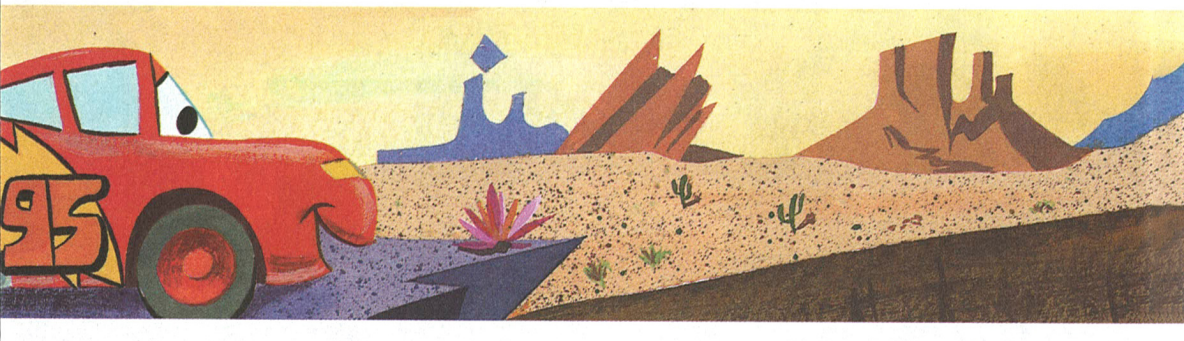
It certainly looked as if McQueen would win the race. But he didn't. He crashed into a cactus patch. Luckily, his new **friend**, Mater, helped him out.

After that, McQueen learned a few things.

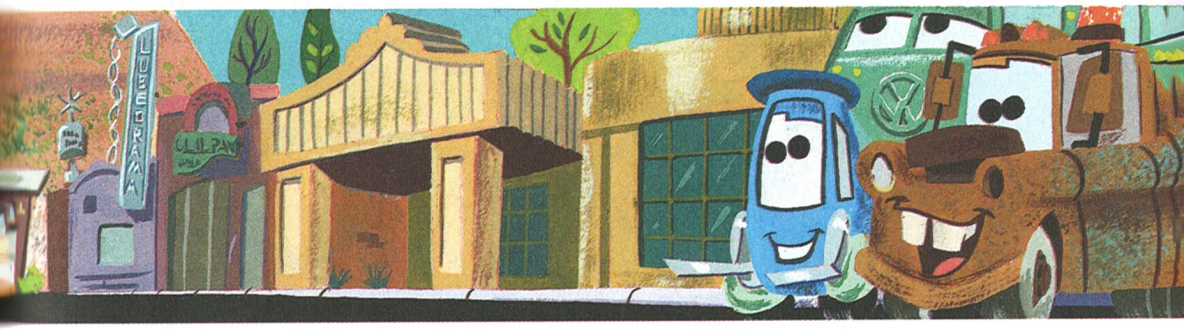


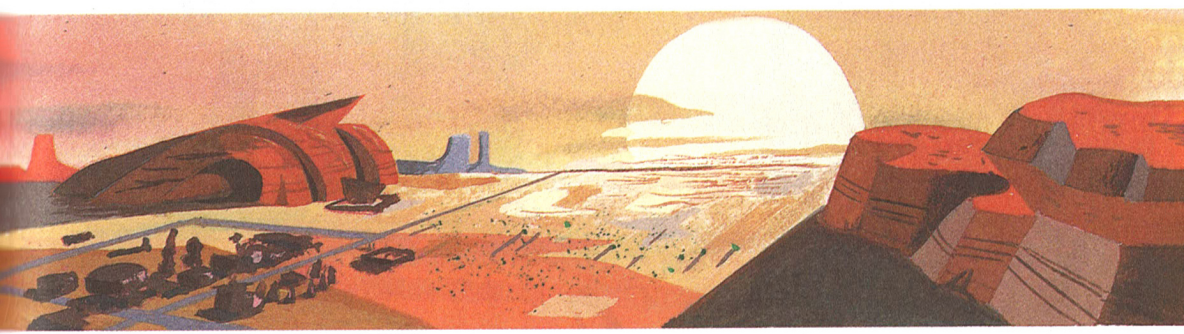
He learned that the townsfolk were **proud** of their home.

He learned why Sally **loved** Radiator Springs.

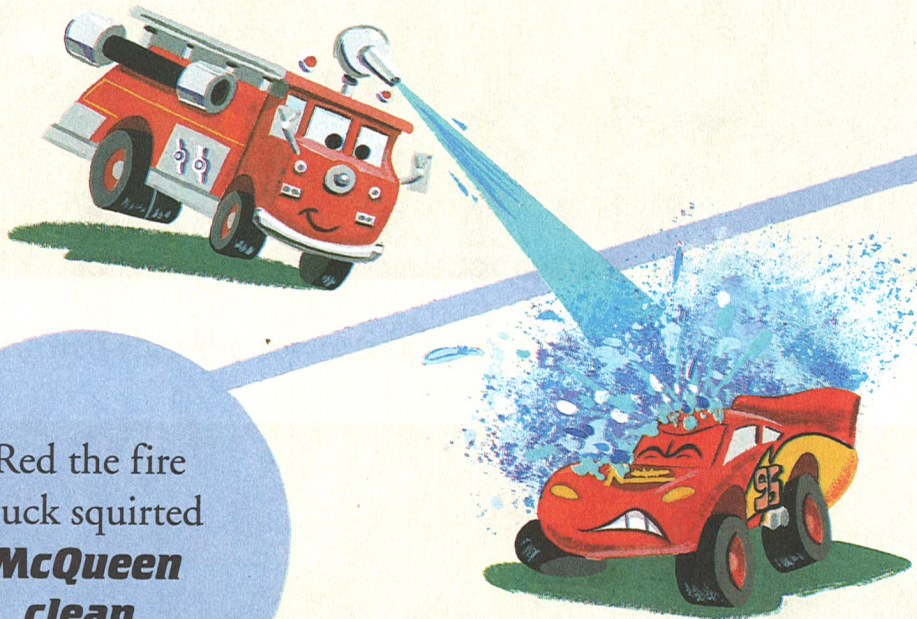


And he learned that Doc had once been a ***champion*** race car.





Finally, McQueen fixed the road. Then he thanked all his new friends by getting spiffed up—Radiator Springs style!



Red the fire truck squirted ***McQueen clean.***

Guido and Luigi gave him new ***tires.***

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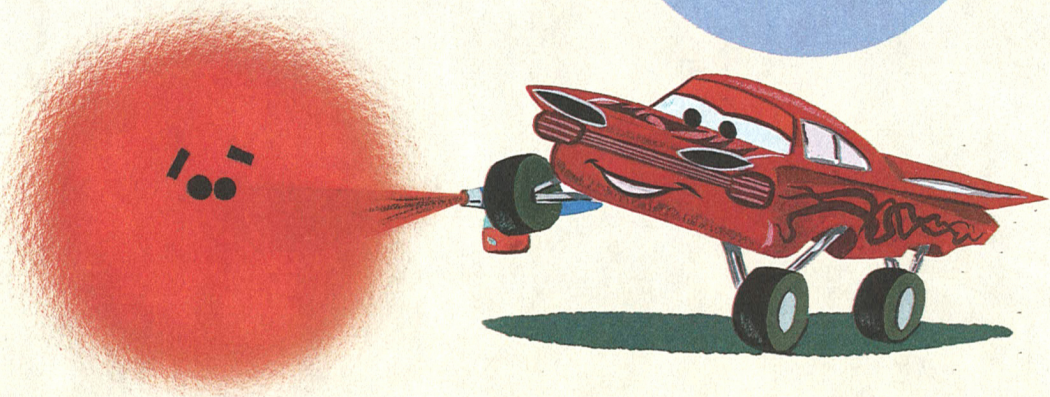
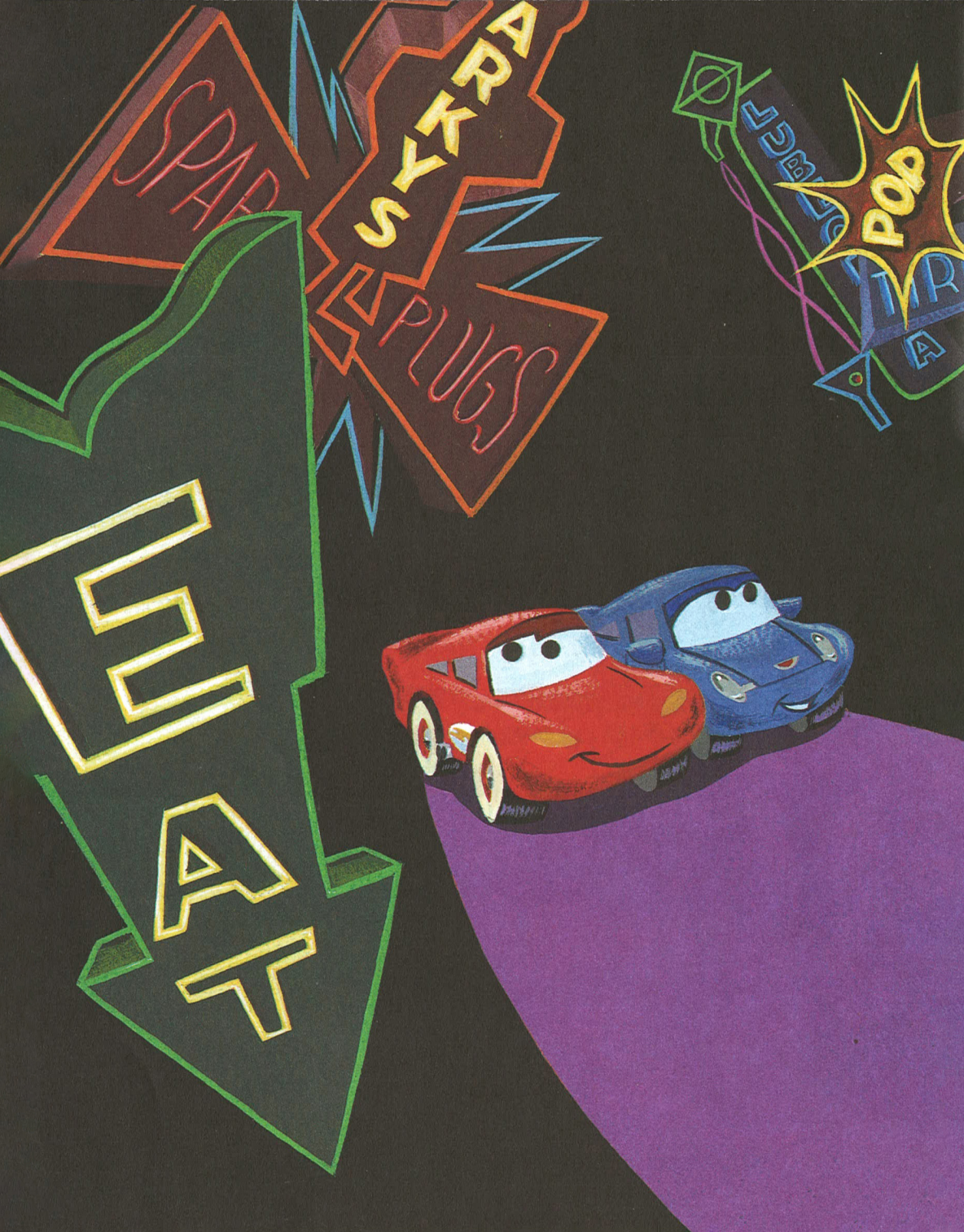
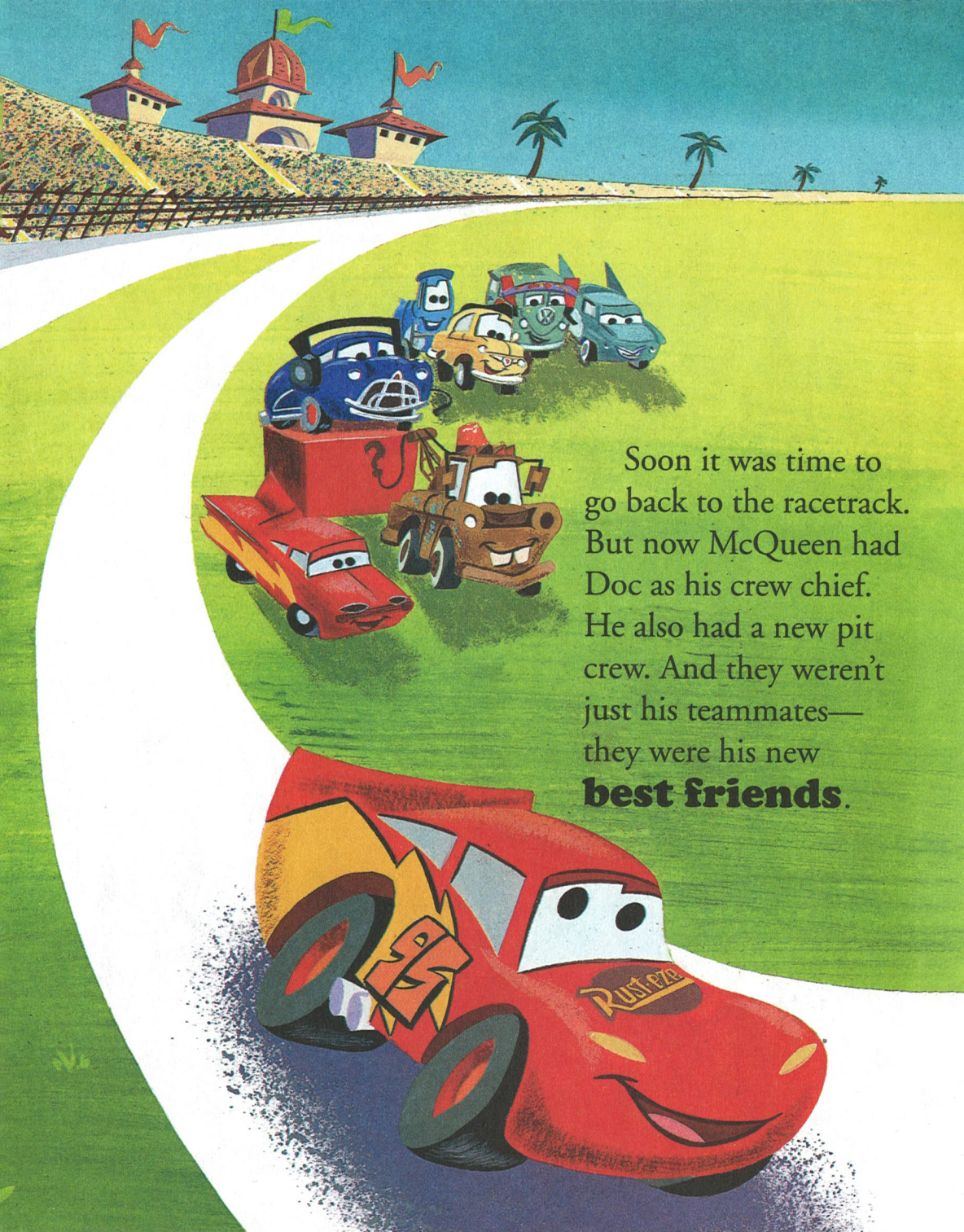
him a new
paint job.



And Flo gave
him a can of her
best oil.


SPARK PLUGS
EAT
POP

By that night, the townsfolk had fixed their shops and their NEON lights! The **OLD** town looked ***NEW*** again!



Soon it was time to go back to the racetrack. But now McQueen had Doc as his crew chief. He also had a new pit crew. And they weren't just his teammates—they were his new **best friends**.

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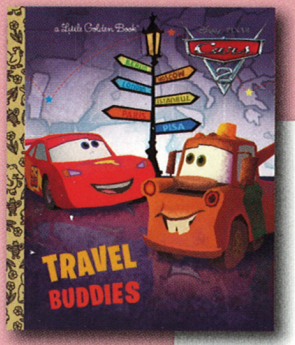

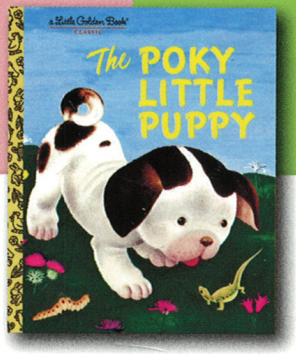

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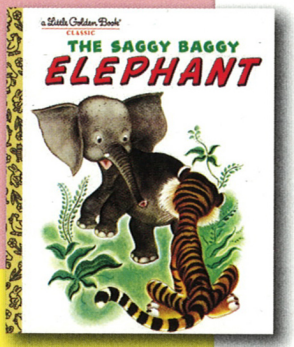

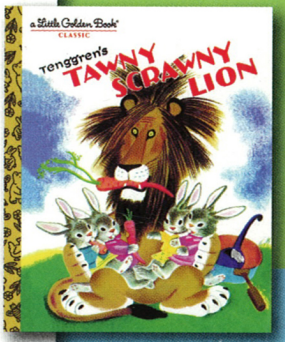

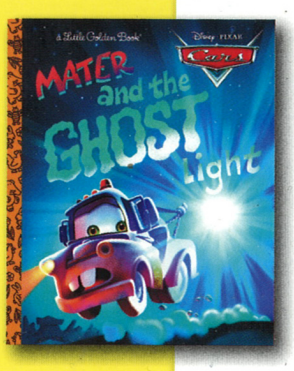

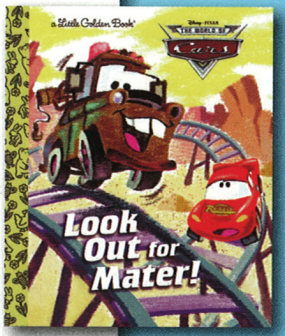

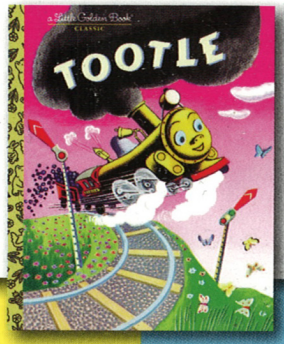

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